

Farm Service Agency

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Foreign Investors

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Act of 1978 required foreign persons or companies who acquire, transfer, or hold interest in agricultural land to report these holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture. Report must be submitted to the FSA office within 90 days of the transfer or change in status.

Foreign persons who violate the reporting requirements are subject to a penalty of not more than 25% of the fair market value of the land.

Crop Reports

County offices are taking crop reports on planted acres. The deadline for reporting sown acreages of 2006 wheat, oats, and barley is June 30, 2006. The final reporting date for corn, milo, soybeans, and hay is July 31, 2006. Producers may report CRP and permanent pasture acres anytime prior to the July 31 deadline.



Reminder: Check planted acres and crop shares. Acreage and shares should be consistent with crop insurance, crop sales receipts and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Programs. Program benefits may depend on shares being reported correctly. **Don't forget to report your double-crop acres too!**

A complete acreage report on all cropland must be filed in order to receive the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance, Conservation Reserve Loan Deficiency payments, and Marketing Assistance Loans.

Managed Haying, Grazing CRP Acres

Managed haying or grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acres is an option for CRP participants. Haying is permitted from July 16– Oct. 15 and grazing from July 16–Nov. 15, but not on the same acres.

Before the county committee can allow haying or grazing, there must be an approved haying and grazing plan. In addition, some mid-contract management practices may apply. A 25 percent payment reduction is assessed for every approved acre hayed or grazed. Contact your county office for additional information on haying and grazing of CRP acres.

Toll-Free Number for Borrowers

Direct loan borrowers of FSA can now check the status of their accounts using a new toll-free telephone number. The number, 1-888-518-4983, is available in both English and Spanish and provides information on active FSA loans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

During the first call to the new system, borrowers will enter their tax identification number or Social Security Number associated with the loan. They also will need to enter their ZIP code. A personal identification number (PIN) will then be created for security, when borrowers access their direct loan account. The automated menu provides users with helpful information and may also instruct borrowers to contact their local FSA servicing office when action is needed on their accounts.



Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)

Producers covered by NAP should report crop acreage shortly after planting. Any loss due to natural disaster must be reported to their county office within 15 calendar days of the date the disaster occurred or damage to the crop becomes apparent.

Quail Habitat Initiative Funds

The Quail Habitat Initiative Fund (QHI) is a partnership between the MDC and Quail Unlimited (QU) to address quail habitat needs. The QHI program “fills the cracks” that other programs cannot help address. Eligible landowners must have an MDC approved plan with quail as an objective. QHI does not apply to most lands enrolled in CRP, WHIP or other state/federal programs however can be used in combination with these enrollments.

Landowners are offered a “Cafeteria Style” selection of habitat practices for QU Chapters. The “Core-4 Practices” are herbaceous vegetation control, nesting cover establishment, disturbance and woody succession management. Supplemental practices include food plots, brood cover enhancement, shrubby cover establishment/enhancement, constructed brush piles, farm fallow, livestock exclusion, hayland nesting cover and grass idling.

The perks of the program are many: ease of administration, many short-term practices are completed that are not compatible with federal program requirements (contracts usually one year in length), QU funds are easy to access and landowner payments are made quickly, a landowner may like the association with QU and become a chapter member, and lastly, there is no ranking system, eligible projects are “first come – first served”. To find out more contact your MDC Private Lands Conservationist.



CRP 20th Anniversary

In March of 1986, FSA enrolled 753,668 acres under 9,407 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts. Since then, CRP's goals and accomplishments have broadened.

Through CRP General and Continuous Sign-up initiatives, FSA has 424,000 contract holders and more than 35 million acres enrolled nationwide. The various CRP practices help protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water.

Mandatory Compliance for CRP Contracts

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants are reminded of the key provisions contained in their CRP contract and appendix. Failure to adhere to CRP program provisions, including required management practices, or failure to follow the Conservation Plan, may jeopardize the CRP contract and result in penalties, refunds, or possible termination.

Mowing, disking, burning and/or chemical applications can be used to control noxious weeds, reduce excessive competition from weeds, improve the stand, or control insect pests of land enrolled in CRP. Consult your Conservation Plan of Operation or NRCS for specific details on your CRP contract.

Remember: A producer can mow up to one half of each regular CRP field per year for those with contracts signed prior to 10/1/03. For sign-up 26 and 29 CRP contracts (approved after 10/1/03) and Continuous Practice CP33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, the provisions have changed; Mowing is only allowed in conjunction with CRP management practices which include disking, burning and chemical application. Management practices are required for program compliance. Mowing as a stand alone practice is not allowed for contracts approved after 10/1/03.

Mowing is allowed on new seedlings. Mowing as often as necessary to control weeds and encourage growth is acceptable until the practice is established. Following establishment, the normal maintenance and management provisions apply. **Mowing is not allowed during the Primary Nesting Season dates of May 1 – July 15. Mowing for maintenance is only allowed July 16 – Aug. 15.**

Select Interest Rates June 2005

Farm Operating-Direct	5.375%
Farm Ownership Direct	5.5%
Limited Resource	5.0%
Farm Ownership-Direct Down Payment or Beginning Farmer	4.0%
Emergency	3.75%
Farm Storage Facility	4.375%
Commodity Loans	6.0%

Special Accommodations

Reasonable accommodations will be made, upon request, for individuals with disabilities, vision impairment, or hearing impairment to attend or participate in meetings or events sponsored by the Farm Service Agency.

If you require special accommodations to attend or participate in one of our events, please call your local FSA county office.

2006 Loan Deficiency Payments

Last year millions of dollars were disbursed to producers who requested Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP). In 2005, FSA streamlined LDP's with a new application form, CCC-633 EZ.

The following is a review of how and when the pages of the CCC-633 EZ should be submitted.



CCC-633 EZ (Page 1)

- ◆ *A single Page 1 signed by the producer covers all farms and all LDP eligible commodities in all counties, and should be filed before harvest or shearing. It must be filed before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost.*
- ◆ *A Page 1 can be submitted to any FSA Office nationwide.*
- ◆ *The Page 1 only indicates the producer's intention to receive future LDP benefits and is not a request for payment.*

CCC-633 EZ (Page 2) – Feed Grains, Minor Oilseeds, and Pulses

- ◆ *A separate Page 2 must be submitted each time an LDP payment is requested on a designated quantity of grain.*
- ◆ *A Page 2 can be submitted after the grain is harvested and while it is in storage.*
- ◆ *The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the day the Page 2 is received.*
- ◆ *A Page 2 can be submitted after beneficial interest is lost. The LDP rate per bushel will be the rate in effect on the day(s) beneficial interest was lost.*

CCC-633 EZ (Page 4) – Wool, Mohair and Unshorn Pelts

- ◆ *A separate Page 4 must be submitted each time an LDP payment is requested for wool, mohair, or unshorn pelts.*

As producers visit their FSA Office to file their 2006 acreage reports, this a great opportunity to file the required CCC-633 EZ (Page 1) and to get a more detailed explanation on how the Page 2 process works.

District 6 Service Centers

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Benton

Annette Steelman, CED
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660-547-2351 FAX: 660-547-2456
COC Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 8:30 am.

Boone

Kim Viers, CED
601 Bus Loop 70W, suite 213E
Columbia, MO 65203
573-875-5540 FAX 573-875-5547
COC Meets 2nd Tues. @ 8:30 am.

Cole-Miller

Drew Parmley, CED
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COC Meets 1st Wed. @ 8:30 am.

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Owensville, MO 65066
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COC Meets 2nd Thurs. @ 8:45 am.

Laclede/Camden/

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COC Meets 3rd Thurs. @ 8 am.

Pettis

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Grain Loans

Producers with grain under a CCC loan may repay their loan in its entirety or by paying partial payments as the grain is needed. Warehouse loans require the redemption of an entire receipt. **REMEMBER to request a Marketing Authorization from your county office or pay for the grain before feeding or moving any grain under loan.**

FSA Signature Requirements



All signatures on FSA contracts, applications and other forms must be submitted before a document is considered filed. Entities, including revocable and irrevocable trusts, corporations, partnerships, estates, are required to provide evidence of signature authority of the person representing the entity. Acceptable evidence includes trust agreements, corporate charters or resolutions, partnership agreements and court orders of appointment. Spouses can sign for one another on most program documents unless written notification denying a spouse this authority has been provided to the county office staff. An FSA Power of Attorney form may be filed to delegate signature authority for FSA program purposes to another individual.

CoCoRaHS

CoCoRaHS is an acronym for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network. CoCoRaHS is a unique, non-profit, community-based network of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds working together to measure and map precipitation (rain, hail and snow). By using low-cost measurement tools, stressing training and education, and utilizing an interactive Web-site, their goal is to provide the highest quality data for natural resource, education and research applications.



To sign up as an observer or for more information check the web: <http://www.cocorahs.org/>.

2005 Forage Field Day

A Forage Field Day will be held July 13 from 3-7 p.m. at the Lincoln University Carver Farm in Jefferson City Missouri.

Education presentations will be held at 4 p.m. on beef genetics in a small herd, co-grazing small ruminants, legumes in pastures, and alternate feedstuffs in rations. Equipment demonstrations will be conducted at 5 p.m. Commercial exhibitors will display forage and livestock equipment and other products all afternoon. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. For more information contact the Cole or Moniteau County Soil and Water Districts at 573-893-5188 or 573-796-2010, ext 3.

AGI Certification

Producers are required to comply with the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) rules and may not receive program benefits if the following criteria are not met.

- ◆ The average AGI of the individual or entity exceeds 2.5 million.
- ◆ Less than 75 percent of the average AGI is derived from farming, ranching, or forestry operations.

Producers must certify on form CCC-526 or submit a statement by a CPA or attorney that the AGI does not exceed the limitation. If you have questions regarding your eligibility please contact your local office for further clarification of the AGI provisions

Farm Record Changes

Any ownership, operator, or address changes should be reported to your FSA office to keep your records current.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410, or call 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Dates to Remember

June 15-Aug. 1

Submit nomination for FSA County Committee members

June 30

Final Date to report Wheat, Barley and other small grains

July 4

Independence Day Holiday

Offices Closed

July 31

Final Date to report corn, beans, milo, grass crops

Ongoing

- ◆ Check Stored Grain
- ◆ Update Farm Changes.
- ◆ Farm Facility Loans
- ◆ Continuous CRP

